Jackson ADA Advisory Council Meeting Minutes May 2, 2012

The Jackson ADA Advisory Council meeting was held at the Hood Bldg. Individuals attending were: Ms. Lee Cole, Chairperson; Dr. Scott Crawford, Vice Chairperson; Minister Sam Gleese, ADA Coordinator; Ms. Jan Hawthorne, Mississippi School for the Blind; Dr. Christy Dunaway, LIFE of MS and Ward 1; Ms. Lynn Hill; Mr. Antonia Wright, MACE; Ms. Karen Robinson, JATRAN; Mr. Theo Letman, General Manager, JATRAN; Deputy Chief Lindsey Horton, JPD; Mr. Tim Davis, MILES Corp; Ms. Mary Bates, MILES Corporation; Mr. Jason Bunch; Mr Sreendvas Kolapaua, IMS; Mr. Dewayne Cheatham, JATRAN; Ms. Shellie Zeigler, Library for the Blind; Mr. George Ewing, City of Jackson; Ms. Reeva Gillespie, City of Jackson; Mr. Thelma Boyd, CAO; Mr. Johnnie McDonald, JFD; Ms. Evelyn Pittman, Transit Services; Monica Joiner, City Attorney and Len Jefferson.

Call to Order

Chairperson, Lee Cole called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Cole asked for someone to read the Minutes of the April 4th meeting. This was done by Dr. Dunaway. The Minutes were approved with noted corrections.

Updates

Ms. Cole requested that Dr. Crawford read aloud his letter that was sent to the Clarion-Ledger and other Media concerning the accident that killed the wheelchair user. The letter was published in the Opinion Section of the newspaper. Ms. Cole indicated that the letter was compiled at the request of the ADA Council during our last month's (April's) meeting. Dr. Dunaway asked if there was any information about the evidence from the accident that killed the person in the wheelchair and the individual pushing him was going to the Grand Jury. Deputy Chief Horton stated that he would check into the matter.

The Jackson City Council created a special transportation committee one year ago. This ADA Council elected a representative and an alternate to serve on this committee. The representatives were Ms. Lee Cole and Mr. Eddie Turner. We need to select two individuals to serve for another year. The Council elected Ms. Cole for the second time and Antonio Wright as the alternate. Dr. Dunaway asked Ms. Cole if she felt the Special Transportation Committee had been a benefit. She stated that it had. Dr. Crawford feels that we have too many committees.

Code Red: Mr. Boyd reported that Code Red was fully operational. He brought applications with him. He also informed the Council that individuals could sign up on-line.

Mr. George Ewing from City of Jackson Public Works Department along with two contractors presented the priority list for curb cuts and bus stops/shelters upgrades. After a lengthy dialogue,

all agreed to work with the list that Mr. Ewing had presented with the understanding that the ADA Council would be consulted as the work progressed.

Mr. Johnny McDonald with the Jackson Fire Department informed the Council that Smoke Detectors would be provided free of charge to any citizen. There would be no cost for this service. The number to call is 601-960-1399.

Dr. Dunaway reviewed the area that would be needed to accommodate handicapped parking for the Mega Conference. The requested covered areas are: Amite to Lamar in front of the Marriott, Griffin to Amite which is on the side of the hotel; in these two areas the parking meters need to be covered to accommodate handicapped accessible vans.

Ms. Mary Bates and Tim Davis updated the Council on Miles efforts to expand transportation services for persons with disabilities. She is requesting any support we can provide for their project.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

These Minutes were recorded by Ms. Patrina Pendarvis and transcribed by Minister Sam Gleese. These Minutes were approved at the June 6, 2012, regular meeting.